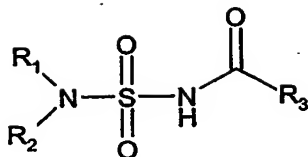


# Patent claims

1. A compound of formula



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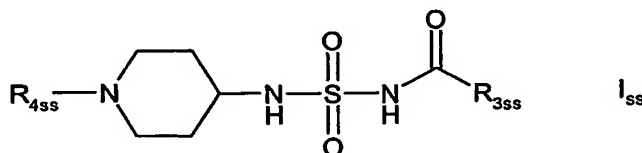
- R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are piperazinyl, wherein the second nitrogen atom is substituted by (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl or by (C<sub>6-18</sub>)aryl, which (C<sub>6-18</sub>)aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)haloalkyl, e.g. CF<sub>3</sub>, aminocarbonyl,

10 or

- R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>2</sub> is piperidinyl, attached via a carbon atom of the piperidinyl ring, wherein the nitrogen atom is substituted by (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl or by (C<sub>6-18</sub>)aryl, and

R<sub>3</sub> is (C<sub>6-18</sub>)aryl or (C<sub>6-18</sub>)aryl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl, which aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, aminocarbonyl, or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)haloalkyl.

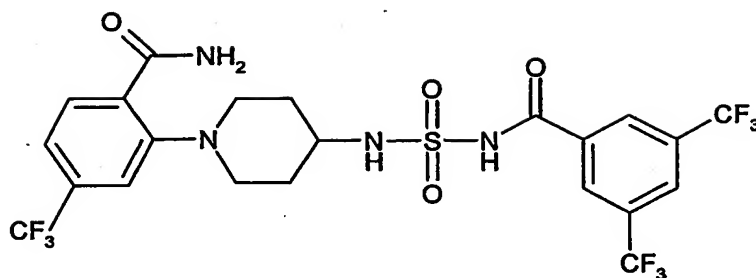
2. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



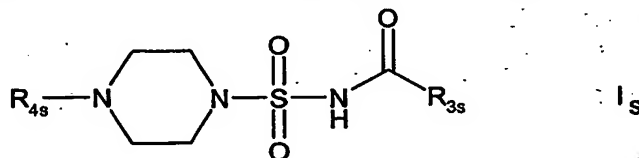
wherein

- a. R<sub>3ss</sub> is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R<sub>4ss</sub> is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- b. R<sub>3ss</sub> is 2,3-dichlorophenyl, R<sub>4ss</sub> is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- c. R<sub>3ss</sub> is 3,5-dichlorophenyl R<sub>4ss</sub> is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
- d. R<sub>3ss</sub> is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R<sub>4ss</sub> is tert.butoxycarbonyl.

3. A compound of any one of claims 1 or 2 which is a compound of formula



4. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein

- 5 a.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
  - b.  $R_{3s}$  is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
  - c.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
  - d.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is benzyloxycarbonyl,
  - e.  $R_{3s}$  is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is benzyloxycarbonyl,
  - 10 f.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is benzyloxycarbonyl,
  - g.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is benzyloxycarbonyl,
  - h.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
  - i.  $R_{3s}$  is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
  - 15 j.  $R_{3s}$  is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and  $R_{4s}$  is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
  - k.  $R_{3s}$  is 2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl and  $R_{4s}$  is tert.butoxycarbonyl.
5. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 4 in the form of a salt.
- 20 6. Use of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase.
7. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 for use as a pharmaceutical.

8. A method of treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase which treatment comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5.

5 9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 in association with at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

10. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, further comprising another pharmaceutically active agent.

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